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Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

What a difference a few days can make! I pray this shut-down isn't making life too difficult for you! We have some options and possibilities included in this newsletter. **See the back for food options.** And there are many online resources for learning. Spectrum (and probably some others) are offering free installation and internet for the next couple months, as mentioned last week (www.spectrum.com).

If you have internet available, we recommend having the children log onto the various websites we use here at school. They would know how to navigate those, and the work would be appropriate. Scholastic has an online learning site <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html> for various age groups. I'm sure a quick internet search will pull up many other possibilities!

What to do for and with your children? Keep them **reading** and keep them **active!** **Reading is THE key skill** they will need for the rest of their lives! It cannot be overemphasized. Since the public libraries are closed, we have some books on hand that you could pick up. But please call ahead so we can have them ready for you.

What to do? Jigsaw puzzles are great, as are word and number puzzles. Checkers and chess, card games, and board games are good, too. Do you recall how to play jacks? Marbles? Jump rope? That's good exercise, too. Run up and down stairs. How about writing a letter to relatives and friends you cannot visit? If TV is your only resource, remember **CET and other PBS stations** have great programming for kids (and adults). If you have internet, just google activities for children and I'm sure you'll find a ton!

For Catholics, the bishops of Ohio have suspended all services until after Easter. That doesn't stop us from reading the Bible, especially the accounts of the passion and resurrection of Jesus in the four Gospels.

But PLEASE, **limit** or at least monitor **the use of cell phones**, tablets, and computers **for texting and chat rooms.** We've had a number of students being mean to each other through technology this year. That only makes relationships worse. We don't want students coming back angry with each other!

Keeping you in our prayers,
Sr. Miriam and the St. Boniface Staff

